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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 19, 2005 in the abovecaptioned patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.